



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

June 2024 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RODNEY CAMERON OPELY,

Defendant.

CR 2:25-cr-00418-MWF

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[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1),  
(b) (1) (C): Distribution of  
Fentanyl Resulting in Death; 21  
U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b) (1) (C):  
Possession with Intent to  
Distribute Fentanyl; 21 U.S.C.  
§§ 841(a)(1), (b) (1) (B) (viii):  
Possession with Intent to  
Distribute Methamphetamine; 21  
U.S.C. § 853: Forfeiture]

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b) (1) (C)]

On or about October 30, 2024, in San Luis Obispo County, within the Central District of California, defendant RODNEY CAMERON OPELY knowingly and intentionally distributed a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide ("fentanyl"), a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, the use of which resulted in the death and serious bodily injury of I.W.

1 COUNT TWO

2 [21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C)]

3 On or about December 4, 2024, in San Luis Obispo County, within  
4 the Central District of California, defendant RODNEY CAMERON OPELY  
5 knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute  
6 approximately 26.7 grams of a mixture and substance containing a  
7 detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]  
8 propanamide ("fentanyl"), a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled  
9 substance.

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1 COUNT THREE

2 [21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii)]

3 On or about December 4, 2024, in San Luis Obispo County, within  
4 the Central District of California, defendant RODNEY CAMERON OPELY  
5 knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute at  
6 least 5 grams, that is, approximately 18.95 grams, of  
7 methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance.

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1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

2 [21 U.S.C. § 853]

3       1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal  
4 Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America  
5 will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 21,  
6 United States Code, Section 853, in the event of the defendant's  
7 convictions of Counts One, Two, or Three, set forth in this  
8 indictment.

9       2. The defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit to the United  
10 States of America the following:

11                 (a) All right, title and interest in any and all property,  
12 real or personal, constituting or derived from, any proceeds which  
13 the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from such offense;

14                 (b) All right, title and interest in any and all property,  
15 real or personal, used, or intended to be used, in any manner or  
16 part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of such offense; and

17                 (c) To the extent such property is not available for  
18 forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property  
19 described in subparagraphs (a) and (b).

20       3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the  
21 defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit substitute property if, by  
22 any act or omission of the defendant, the property described in the  
23 preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a) cannot be located  
24 upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold  
25 to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the  
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1 jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been substantially diminished in  
2 value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot be  
3 divided without difficulty.

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